

## **NICE Guys Get Their Day in the Sun** **Water Main Repair Crews Recognized for** **Cool Work Last Winter**

Here are the cold facts: In early January, Baltimore was experiencing days with temperatures in the 50's and 60's and even 70's and everyone wondered where winter was. In early February, temperatures dipped to 20, 15, 10 and then to single-digit degrees and water pipes cracked throughout the metropolitan area. At times, there were over 50 ruptured water main breaks per day and 150 reports of water leaks. Crews were put on 16-hour shifts and meter shop employees were utilized to free frozen meters.

To recognize these employees who worked around-the-clock in subfreezing temperatures, snow, freezing rain and just plain ice, Public Works Director George L. Winfield will award certificates of merit to over 200 heroes of the *"Great Big Freeze of 2007."* The ceremony will take place **Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the Paul C. Wolman Assembly Hall, Lower Level, in the War Memorial Building, 101 N. Gay Street.** Refreshments will be provided to the men and women who see to it daily that 1.8 million customers in the Baltimore Metropolitan area have an uninterrupted supply of high quality drinking water.

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